STATE OF ILLINOIS ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

United Communications Systems, Inc.)	
D/b/a. Call One)	
) 03	3-0772
Petition for Arbitration of an Interconnection Agree	ment)	
With Illinois Bell Telephone Company pursuant to)	
Section 252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 19	96)	

STAFF'S RESPONSE TO SBC ILLINOIS' RENEWED MOTION TO STRIKE

On Thursday, January 29, 2004, Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois ("SBC") filed two separate emergency Motions. One emergency motion was entitled SBC Illinois Motion to Suspend Schedule and the other emergency motion is titled SBC Illinois Motion to Strike and Disqualify. Because the two SBC motions were interrelated, and for reasons of administrative ease, Staff addressed both motions together in a single Response filed on February 2, 2004. On February 10, 2004, SBC filed a Motion entitled "SBC Illinois' Renewed Motion to Strike," which, in large part, restated the same reasons SBC had set forth in the January 29 Motion to Strike and Disqualify. In response to SBC's Renewed Motion to Strike, Staff stands on its Response filed on February 2, 2004.

WHEREFORE, for all the reasons set forth herein, the Staff of the Illinois Commerce Commission recommends that the Commission adopt Staff's recommendations as articulated in its Response filed on February 2, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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